

# University Education (Ireland) Bill.

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Make better provision for University Education in Ireland. A.D. 1879.

**W**HEREAS it is right and expedient to extend more widely the benefits of University education in Ireland, and to make better provisions for the promotion thereof:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the University Education (Ireland) Act, 1879. Title of Act.

2. *From and after the passing of this Act* a University shall be established in Ireland, which shall be a corporation by the name of "The University of St. Patrick," and shall have a common seal. Establishment of University.

3. The said University shall consist—

(a.) Of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Senators herein-after mentioned: Constitution of University.

(b.) Of all persons who shall become matriculated students of the said University, and of all persons upon whom the Senate herein-after mentioned shall hereafter confer degrees.

4. *Immediately after the passing of this Act* the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Chancellor of the said University, and another fit and proper person to be the Vice-Chancellor of said University. Lord Lieutenant shall appoint Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

5. The persons named in the First Schedule to this Act shall be the first Senators of the University. Senators to be named in Schedule.

6. The said Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and the other said Senators shall form the first Senate of the University, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. All vacancies in the Senate, except as herein-after provided, shall be filled up by the Lord Lieutenant, so that the number of the Senate shall consist of *twenty-four*. Constitution of Senate.

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7. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Senators, and registered graduates for the time being shall constitute the Convocation of the University, and all graduates of *two years* standing shall be entitled to register.

8. As soon as the number of members of Convocation reach *one hundred*, every alternate vacancy in the Senate which shall arise from death, resignation, or otherwise shall be supplied by the election of a Senator by Convocation for the three ensuing years, until the number of the Senators elected by Convocation to supply such vacancies shall become *six*, and any vacancy which shall arise from the expiration of the term, or from the death, resignation, or otherwise of a Senator elected by Convocation, shall likewise be supplied by the election of a Senator by Convocation, so that the total number of Senators so elected by Convocation may continue *six*. Each and every one of the Senators so elected shall hold office during the *three calendar years* next succeeding their election, or during the will and pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant, and each out-going Senator may be re-elected.

9. The Senate for the time being shall have the entire management of and superintendence over the affairs, concerns, and property of the said University; and in all cases unprovided for in this Act it shall be lawful for the Senate to act in such manner as shall appear to them best calculated to promote the purposes intended to be promoted by the University.

10. The Senate may from time to time, with the consent of the Lord Lieutenant, appoint such examiners for such terms as the Senate shall fix, and such other officers as they deem necessary for the purposes of this Act, and may with such consent as aforesaid remove such officers.

11. The Chancellor and *five* members of the Senate, or *six* members of the Senate without the Chancellor, shall form a quorum.

12. The following sums shall be paid by the Senate out of any moneys for the time being in their hands in pursuance of this Act:

(a.) To the examiners and other officers, such salaries or other remuneration as they may think fit, with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant, and as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may approve:

(b.) The other expenses of carrying this Act into execution.

13. It shall be the duty of the Senate to promote University education in Ireland, in the manner provided by this Act; that is to say,

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- (a.) By instituting and carrying on a system of public examinations of University students for matriculation, degrees, exhibitions, scholarships, and fellowships; such exhibitions, scholarships, and fellowships to be made tenable for such periods as may be fixed upon by the Senate:
- (b.) By conferring degrees in the name and under the seal of the University of St. Patrick upon any person who may qualify himself for obtaining them by pursuing such studies and passing such examinations as may from time to time be prescribed under the provisions of this Act:
- (c.) By providing for the payment of exhibitions, scholarships, and fellowships to such persons as may gain them under the provisions herein-after mentioned:
- (d.) By affiliating or taking into connection with the University colleges fulfilling the conditions herein-after mentioned as necessary to constitute a college, which colleges shall be known as affiliated colleges:
- (e.) By providing for the payment to heads or other governing bodies of affiliated colleges of fees dependent on the results of public examinations of students:
- (f.) By providing for the payment of such salaries as the Senate shall direct to such lecturers attached to affiliated colleges as shall be presented by the colleges to the Senate, and shall be approved by the Senate:
- (g.) By providing for the erection, establishment, and maintenance of such museums, libraries, and laboratories at any affiliated college or colleges to be selected by the Senate as shall be requisite for the prosecution at such colleges respectively of the highest studies in the several departments of knowledge required to be prosecuted by the Senate:
- (h.) Generally by applying the funds placed at the disposal of the Senate for the purposes of this Act as hereby directed; provided that no examination shall be held in any subject of religious instruction, nor any payment made in respect thereof.

14. The Senate shall from time to time, with the approval of the Lord Lieutenant, make rules for the purposes of this Act with respect to the following matters: Senate to make rules.

- (a.) For prescribing the duties and powers of the several examiners and officers who shall be appointed by the Senate under this Act:

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- (b.) For appointing times and places at which examinations shall be held in each year :
- (c.) For defining the qualifications of the persons who may present themselves for examination :
- (d.) For defining the subjects and nature of the examinations and the length of the course necessary for obtaining degrees :
- (e.) For requiring candidates for examination to give such notice as the Senate may prescribe of their intention to present themselves for examination, and for fixing the fees to be paid by candidates upon such notices :
- (f.) For fixing the numbers and amounts of the exhibitions, scholarships, and fellowships which may be awarded in each year, and for declaring the conditions with respect to attendance at college, attendance at the examinations to be held under this Act, and the standard of merit, and conditions with respect to such other matters as the Senate may prescribe, upon compliance with which such exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, and degrees may be obtained or held :
- (g.) For prescribing and satisfying themselves as to the observance of the conditions upon which heads of colleges may receive payment of result fees and the other advances of money herein-before provided for :
- (h.) For making proper provisions to carry out the rules in the schedule to this Act, and for varying, altering, and amending the rules contained in such schedule :
- (i.) Generally for carrying this Act into effect.

Queen to be the visitor of University.

Rules to be laid before Parliament.

15. The Queen, or anyone whom Her Majesty may depute, shall be the visitor of the said University.

16. All rules made in pursuance of this Act shall, within *three weeks* after the same shall have been made, be laid before both Houses of Parliament, if Parliament be sitting, or if not, then within *three weeks* after the beginning of the next ensuing session of Parliament ; and if any such rules shall be disapproved of by either House of Parliament within *forty days* after the same shall have been laid before Parliament, such rules, or such part thereof as shall be so disapproved, shall thereupon become void and of no effect.

Unaltered, rules in Schedule

17. In the meantime, and until altered by rules to be made by the Senate in the manner provided by this Act, the rules contained

in the Schedule to this Act shall govern the proceedings of the Senate.

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proceedings.  
Exhibitions,  
&c. not  
tenable by  
students  
of other  
Universities.

18. No exhibition, scholarship, or fellowship shall be granted by the Senate to any person who shall be, at the time at which such  
5 exhibition, scholarship, or fellowship would be granted but for this section, the holder of an exhibition, scholarship, fellowship, or any other prize in any other University or University College, or who shall have, during the year then preceding, been attending lectures therein.

10 19. For the purpose of carrying this Act into effect the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland shall, out of the property accruing to the Commissioners under the Irish Church Act, 1869, when and as required by the Senate, provide for the use of the Senate, either in cash or in securities or rentcharges of an  
15 equivalent value, such amount as the Senate shall estimate to be required for the purposes of this Act, not exceeding in the whole *one million and a half pounds sterling*. *Flancon.*

20. The annual income arising from the amount so provided shall be applied by the Senate for the purposes of this Act; and if  
20 and so far as the same shall not in each or any year be required to be so applied, the same shall be invested by the Senate, by way of accumulation, in the purchase of Government securities. *Annual income to be applied by the Senate for purposes of the Act.*

21. The several provisions of the Irish Church Act, 1869, with respect to the raising of money by the Commissioners of Church  
25 Temporalities in Ireland, and the giving of security for the repayment thereof and of interest thereon, and with respect to advances to be made by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the said Commissioners of Church Temporalities, and with respect to the powers of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's  
30 Treasury in relation to the money so to be raised, shall be extended and shall apply to the purposes of this Act as fully as such provisions apply to the purposes of the Irish Church Act, 1869. *Provisions of Irish Church Act, 1869, to be extended to this Act.*

22. The Senate shall present an annual report to the Lord  
Lieutenant, to be laid before both Houses of Parliament; and the  
35 Senate shall prepare, in such form, and either annually or for such shorter periods as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct, an account of the receipts and expenditure of the capital and the revenues derived from all funds under the control of the Senate under this Act; and within *three months* after the expiration  
40 of each year, or other shorter period to which the accounts relate, the Senate shall transmit the same to the Comptroller and Auditor *Senate to report.*

A.D. 1879. General to be audited, certified, and reported upon with reference to the provisions of this Act, and in conformity with the powers and regulations prescribed in the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866, for the rendering and auditing of appropriation accounts; and the accounts, with the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament not later than *two months* after they have been tendered for audit, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not sitting, then within *one week* after it shall be next assembled: Provided always, that the expense of such audit shall be included in the expenses of carrying this Act into execution, and shall be defrayed accordingly. 5 10

Interpre-  
tation of  
terms.

"Student"

23. In this Act the following words shall bear the meanings herein-after applied to them respectively:

The word "student" shall mean a person pursuing his course of studies in the manner required by the Senate under the provisions of this Act: 15

"College"

The word "college" shall mean any institution in Ireland, not being a college in connection with any University now existing in Ireland, or an institution in receipt of result fees under the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, at which the studies required by the Senate for obtaining a degree shall be taught, and in which, or in some boarding house or houses under the control of the authorities of which, at least *twenty persons* over the age of *eighteen years* shall for at least *six months* previous to each examination be resident and pursuing the studies required as aforesaid for obtaining a degree. 20 25

## SCHEDULES.

## SCHEDULE A.

*Constitution and Functions of the University.*

The University shall consist of the following faculties :

- 5 (a.) The faculty of arts ;  
(b.) The faculty of medicine and surgery ;  
(c.) The faculty of law ;  
(d.) The faculty of engineering.

The Senate of the University shall consist of the following :

- 10 No student shall be eligible for admission to the faculties of medicine, law, and engineering who shall not have successfully passed his examination in the first session of the faculty of arts.

- The faculties of medicine, law, and engineering shall be called the professional faculties, and the students in these faculties shall  
15 be called professional students ; and any such student, if in the faculties of medicine and engineering, may proceed, after having passed successfully in the first session of the faculty of arts, to the exclusive study of the subjects prescribed in the curriculum of the respective professional faculties, subject in all cases to such  
20 provisions and regulations as the Senate of the University may lay down.

The programme of examinations for matriculation, and for each year in the faculties of arts, medicine, law, and engineering, shall be determined by the Senate.

- 25 The Senate shall have power to examine for, and after examination to confer, in such mode and on compliance by the candidate with such conditions as they shall from time to time determine, the several or such as they think fit of the degrees of bachelor and master of arts, bachelor and doctor in laws, science, medicine, and  
30 music, and master in surgery ; and also to confer the several



A.D. 1879. degrees of bachelor and master and doctor in any departments of knowledge whatever, except theology, as the Senate by regulations in that behalf shall from time to time determine; and such reasonable fees may be charged for or in respect of such examinations and degrees respectively, or either of them, as the said Senate, & with the approbation of the Treasury, shall from time to time determine.

The examination in the third session shall determine the merit of the students for the degree of bachelor of arts.

For a fourth session a special course shall be laid down by the 10 Senate for the determination of the degree of master of arts.

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### SCHEDULE B.

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#### *Exhibitions, &c.*

For every *ten* students who pass the matriculation examination an exhibition of 20*l.* a year, tenable for *three years*, shall be assigned, 15 on such conditions as the Senate may think proper, and to be given only to such students as pass with sufficient merit.

For every *ten* students who pass the examination of the first session or year in the faculty of arts an exhibition of 30*l.* shall be assigned on similar conditions, and to be tenable during the 20 second and third years of the arts course.

#### *Scholarships.*

For every *ten* students who pass the examination in the second session or year in the faculty of arts, a scholarship of 50*l.* a year, tenable for *three years*, shall be assigned, such scholarship to be 25 granted only for sufficient merit, and its continuance to be dependant on such scholar obtaining his degree of B.A. at the end of the third session and his degree of M.A. at the end of the fourth.

#### *Fellowships.*

There shall be *twenty* fellowships attached to the University, to 30 be disposed of in the following way. *Four* to be competed for each year at the examination for the degree of B.A., provided that at least *twenty* students pass the examination for the degree, and if there be any less number than twenty, then *one* fellowship for every *five* students who pass. Each fellowship shall be of the 35 value of 200*l.* a year, and shall last for *four years*, provided the

follow take his M.A. degree in the fourth year, and be resident in or in attendance at his college, or become a tutor or professor in his college or any other affiliated college for the remaining four years, or by special authority of the Senate spend the remaining  
 5 four years in the pursuit of science or literature in any manner which the Senate may prescribe. Of these fellowships, scholarships, and exhibitions, a proportion to be determined by the Senate shall be given for proficiency in science.

*Faculty of Law.*

- 10 Exhibitions.—An exhibition of 20*l.* for every *ten* students who at the end of the first session of the law course shall pass this examination shall be assigned, such exhibition to be granted only for sufficient merit, and to last for the three years of the law course.

*Faculty of Medicine.*

- 15 Exhibitions.—An exhibition of 20*l.* for every *ten* students who at the end of the first session of the course of medicine and surgery shall pass this examination shall be assigned, to be granted only for sufficient merit, and to last for the four years of the course of medicine and surgery.

- 20 *Faculty of Engineering.*

Exhibitions.—An exhibition of 20*l.* for every *ten* students who at the end of the first session of the course of civil engineering shall pass this examination shall be assigned, such exhibition to last for the three years of the course of engineering.

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25 **SCHEDULE C.**

*Results Fees.*

The results fees payable to the affiliated colleges from which students in arts may be presented for examination to the University shall be:

30			A Single Pass.	A Pass with Honour.
			£	£
	(a.)	The first session	20	30
		The second session	25	35
		The third session or B.A.	30	40
35	(b.)	The M.A. session	35	45
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Results fees shall also be payable to the colleges for students who pass in the professional faculties, according to the following scale :

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*Law.*

		Simple Pass.	Pass with Honours.	
		£	£	
First year	-	20	30	10
Second year	-	25	35	
Third year	-	30	40	

*Medicine and Surgery.*

First year	-	20	30	15
Second year	-	25	35	
Third year	-	30	40	
Fourth year	-	35	45	

*Engineering.*

First year	-	20	30	20
Second year	-	25	35	
Third year	-	30	40	

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To make better provision for University  
Education in Ireland.

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